

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 1388, Generations Invigorating Volunteerism and Education Act (The Edward M. Kennedy Service Act).

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S3817–S3940*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty-two bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 712–733, and S. Res. 86–88. **Pages S3897–98**

#### Measures Passed:

***Generations Invigorating Volunteerism And Education Act:*** By 79 yeas to 19 nays (Vote No. 115), Senate passed H.R. 1388, to reauthorize and reform the national service laws, as amended, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S3822–85**

#### Adopted:

Mikulski (for Ensign) Modified Amendment No. 690 (to Amendment No. 687), to improve the provisions relating to erroneous or incorrect certifications. **Page S3833**

By 56 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 112), Baucus Amendment No. 721 (to Amendment No. 687), to express the sense of the Senate regarding the Federal income tax deduction for charitable giving. **Pages S3828–30, S3833–34**

Burr/Mikulski Amendment No. 727 (to Amendment No. 687), to strengthen criminal history checks for individuals working with vulnerable populations and for other purposes. **Pages S3835–36**

Mikulski (for Warner) Amendment No. 714 (to Amendment No. 687), to conduct a study regarding the establishment of a Volunteer Management Corps program. **Page S3836**

Mikulski/Enzi Amendment No. 728 (to Amendment No. 687), of a perfecting nature. **Page S3837**

Mikulski Amendment No. 687, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S3823, S3848**

Hatch Amendment No. 729, to amend the title. **Pages S3884–85**

#### Rejected:

By 48 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 113), Thune Amendment No. 716 (to Amendment No. 687), to

express the sense of the Senate regarding the Federal income tax deduction for charitable giving. **Pages S3823, S3828, S3834**

Vitter Amendment No. 705 (to Amendment No. 687), to prohibit ACORN, or organizations affiliated or co-located with ACORN, from receiving assistance under this Act. (By 53 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 114), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S3830–33, S3834–35**

#### Withdrawn:

Burr Amendment No. 722 (to Amendment No. 687), to strengthen criminal history checks for participants in national service programs working with vulnerable populations. **Pages S3826–28, S3835**

**Cloture Motions—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the cloture motions relative to Mikulski Amendment No. 687, and the bill, be withdrawn. **Page S3844**

***Congratulating Rocky Mountain College Battlin' Bears Basketball Team:*** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 85, congratulating the Rocky Mountain College Battlin' Bears for winning the 2009 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Men's Basketball National Championship, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S3938–39**

***Honoring the Life of Dr. John Hope Franklin:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 88, honoring the life of Dr. John Hope Franklin. **Page S3939**

**Filing of Budget Resolution—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Friday, March 27, 2009, the Committee on the Budget be permitted to file the committee-reported concurrent resolution on the budget between the hours of 11 a.m., to 1 p.m. **Page S3939**

**Budget Resolution—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 11 a.m., on Monday, March 30, 2009, Senate begin

consideration of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for fiscal year 2010. **Page S3939**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Steven Elliot Koonin, of California, to be Under Secretary for Science, Department of Energy.

Yvette Roubideaux, of Arizona, to be Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, for the term of four years.

Joseph C. Szabo, of Illinois, to be Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration.

Luis C. de Baca, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking, with rank of Ambassador at Large.

T. Michael Kerr, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

Linda A. Puchala, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2009.

Linda A. Puchala, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2012. **Page S3940**

**Messages from the House:** **Pages S3895–96**

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**Text of S. Res. 37, as Previously Agreed to:**  
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**Record Votes:** Four record votes were taken today. (Total—115) **Pages S3834–35, S3848**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:09 p.m., until 11 a.m. on Monday, March 30, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S3939–40.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Ashton B. Carter, of Massachusetts, to be Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, who was introduced by Senator Lieberman, James N. Miller, Jr., of Virginia, to be Deputy Under Secretary for Policy, who was introduced by Senator Reed, and Alexander Vershbow, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for International Security Affairs, all of the Department of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### U.S. MILITARY LAND POWER

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Airland concluded a hearing to examine current and future roles, missions, and capabilities of United States military land power, after receiving testimony from Andrew F. Krepinevich, Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments, and Thomas Donnelly, American Enterprise Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; and Peter R. Mansoor, Ohio State University, Columbus.

### INVESTOR PROTECTION AND SECURITIES MARKETS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine enhancing investor protection and the regulation of securities markets, after receiving testimony from Mary L. Schapiro, Chairman, Richard C. Breeden, and Arthur Levitt, both a former Chairman, and Paul S. Atkins, former Commissioner, all of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; Fred J. Joseph, Colorado Securities Commissioner, Denver, on behalf of the North American Securities Administrators Association, Inc.; Richard G. Ketchum, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Richard H. Baker, Managed Funds Association, Barbara Roper, Consumer Federation of America, and David G. Tittsworth, Investment Adviser Association, all of Washington, D.C.; Ronald A. Stack, Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, Alexandria, Virginia; and James Chanos, Coalition of Private Investment Companies, Rita M. Bolger, Standard and Poor's, and Daniel Curry, DBRS Inc., all of New York, New York.

### 2010: BUDGET

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee ordered favorably reported a concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2010, revising the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2009, and setting